

of species for each of these components is being made in response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement. These elections are as follows.

Group (1) - an organic acid derivative

Applicants elect Citric acid C18 monoester, which is supported by Inventive Product 1-1, as shown in Table 1 at page 24 of the specification.

Group (2) - a compound represented by Formula (II)

Applicants elect Stearic acid, which is supported by Inventive Product A1-3 as shown in Table A1 at page 31 of the application.

Group (3) - a glycerol derivative

Applicants elect Batyl alcohol, which is supported by Inventive Product B1-4, as shown in Table B1 at page 35 of the specification.

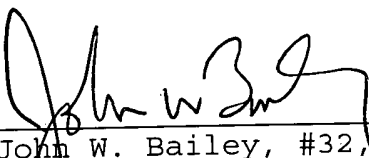
For purposes of instituting a search in the matter of the present application, Applicants also request that the Examiner expand the search by way of the ingredients of Group (2), followed by the ingredients of group (3), and finally group (1).

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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